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TO

Amend the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts.

A.D. 1891.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Salmon Fishery (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Application of Act.

2. This Act shall not apply to England or Scotland.

Repeal of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 114. s. 30, and 32 & 33 Vict. c. 9. s. 4.

3. The thirtieth section of the Act twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh Victoria, chapter one hundred and fourteen, and the fourth section of the Act thirty-second and thirty-third Victoria, chapter nine, shall be and are hereby repealed.

Gratings in watercourses.

4. Any board of conservators, after due notice to the owner or occupier of any mill or other premises, at the expense of such board, during such period as may be prescribed in each year, may order to be placed in any watercourse, millrace, cut, sluice, or other channel for conveying water for any purpose from any river frequented by salmon at or near the point of divergence from and return to such river, or either of them, or in any other suitable place, a grating of such form and dimensions as they shall determine: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall affect the liability of any person to place and maintain a grating or gratings across any artificial channel under the provisions of the seventy-sixth section of the Act fifth and sixth Victoria, chapter one hundred and six, nor shall authorise any grating to be placed so as to obstruct any channel used for navigation or in any way interfere with the effective working of any mill.

Power to widen channel.

5. In all cases of construction of gratings under the powers of this Act, the inspectors of fisheries may, in such cases as they shall deem expedient, cause any watercourse, millrace, cut, sluice, or other channel to be widened at the expense of such board, so far

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as necessary to compensate for the diminution of any flow of water caused by the erection of any grating or lattice, or shall take some other means to prevent the flow of water being prejudicially diminished or otherwise injured.

Board may place gratings at mouths of streams.

6. A board of conservators, with the consent of the inspectors of fisheries, may adopt such means as they shall approve for preventing the ingress of salmon into streams in which they or their spawning beds are, from the nature of the channel, liable to be destroyed, but so that no water rights used or enjoyed for the purposes of manufacture, or agricultural purposes, or drainage or navigation, shall be prejudicially interfered with thereby.

Construction of Act.

7. This Act, so far as is consistent with the tenor thereof, shall be read as one with the Salmon Fishery (Ireland) Act, 1863, and the Fisheries (Ireland) Act, 1869, and the Acts to be construed therewith.

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